

03-20-00

A



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



"Certificate of Mailing by "EXPRESS MAIL" Under 37 CFR 1.10"

Express Mail Label No.: EJ708789376US

Deposit Date: 18 MARCH 2000

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service with the above Express Mail Label No. on the above Deposit Date addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

ROLAND K. BOWLER II

**NEW CONTINUATION PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Docket No. 8010-61

SIR:

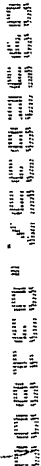
Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 USC § 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53 (b)(1) is a patent application entitled

"MELTBLOWING METHOD AND APPARATUS"

by **Kui Chiu KWOK**, the inventor.

The present application is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/255,906 filed on 20 February 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/717,080 filed on 10 October 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,902,540, both of which are entitled "Meltblowing Method and Apparatus", from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is hereby claimed.

The enclosed specification, drawings and declaration are true copies of the originals filed in the referenced parent applications.



KWOK
"Meltblowing Method and Apparatus"
Atty. Docket No. 8010-61

New Continuation Application

The inventorship of the present application is the same as amended in the referenced parent applications.

The assignment of the present application to Illinois Tool Works Inc. remains the same as in the parent application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 37 pages of written Specification and Abstract;
- ☒ 8 sheets of FORMAL Drawing;
- ☒ a Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment;
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and Forms PTO-1449 (7 sheets) filed in the parent application; and
- ☒ a check in an amount of \$ 894.00 for the Filing Fee calculated below;

FEE Calculation			Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee	(37 CFR 1.16(a))			\$ 690.00	\$ 690.00
Total Claims	(37 CFR 1.16(c))	.27 - 20	7	\$ 18.00	\$ 126.00
Independent Claims	(37 CFR 1.16(b))	4 - 3	1	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00
			Total Filing Fee		\$ 894.00
Assignment Recordal (37 CFR 1.21(h))	0			\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
			TOTAL FEES		\$ 894.00

Mail all future correspondence in this application to the Attorney of Record:

**MR. DONALD J. BREH
GROUP TECHNOLOGY COUNSEL
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.
3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE
GLENVIEW, IL 60025-5811**

(Continued on the following page.)

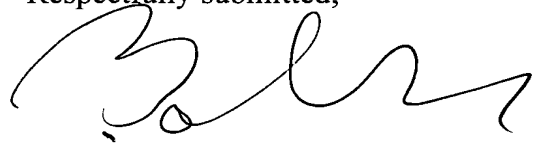
KWOK
"Meltblowing Method and Apparatus"
Atty. Docket No. 8010-61

New Continuation Application

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks is hereby authorized to debit any additional fees required and to credit any excess fees paid under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 from Deposit Account No. 02-3290 of the undersigned in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



ROLAND K. BOWLER II
REG. NO. 33,477

TELEPHONE: 847.229.9966
FACSIMILE: 847.229.9967

ROLAND K. BOWLER II
ATTORNEY AT LAW
50 PICARDY
WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090-2107